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Kentville Aug. 18th 88

William Brewster Esq.

My Dear Sir

your favour of Aug 10th is duly rec'd, I have Stereoscopic views taken of the Canada Grouse in the strutting attitude. A stereoscope shows the position of the feathers much better than a Common Photo, I sell them at 40 cts. each, or two for 75. cts showing two different positions. We had a great deal of trouble to get good plain pictures as he was so attentive to his lady friends we were bothered to get him just in the right place. We made eight attempts before we got any to suit.

I have five sets of eggs 1/16 - 1/15 - 1/13 - 1/13 - 1/15 these eggs are perfect in every respect. Side blown and beautifully spotted. Of Course you are aware there is a great difference in the Color of these eggs, I have taken the trouble to keep the date that each egg was laid.

I am writing an article for the O. & O. on Canada Grouse in Captivity which will likely interest you, it will probably appear in Sept. No.

over

Walton Bishop
Aug. 18. 1888.

What eggs I have sold of this species up to the present time I got $1.00 each for them, I see the name of William Brewster ~~one of the Committe~~ as one of the Committee in the A.O.U. Code and Check List of N. A. Birds. If you dont think the question out of place will you kindly inform me in your reply whether or not you are the gentleman above mentioned?

Hoping to hear from you soon

I am sincerely yours

Walton Bishop

Watson Beolok
Aug. 4, 1889.

Kentville Aug 4th/89

William Brewster Esq.

My Dear Sir

Your favour of July 30th is recd. Thank you very much for advice as to price of eggs, If the party I refered to does not take them I will send them to you, they are a fine set with nest & data Complete.

As you see by above date this is Sunday, I have just been in my partridge pen to feed them and spend an hour or so. as I usually do on Sunday, I was surprised to find the male bird strutting, This is the first time I have seen him strut since the

the nesting season, his new plumage is nearly Complete. I think you would be much interested if you Could see them.

I shot a Blk. Snowbird (Junco hyemalis) this Spring with white head and neck and some white feathers on the rump & wings. After mounting the specimen I examined the intestines and found a tapeworm two inches long which think was the cause. I wrote a note of the facts to Frank B. Webster Esq. Editor of the O. F. C. and he will likely mention it in that paper.

If you would not think the request an impertinent one I would Consider it a great favour if you would send me your photograph if you have a spare one at hand. I will gladly make amends in any way you may think proper.

yours very truly
Watson Bishop

Kentville. Aug 19th/89

William Brewster Esq.

My Dear Sir

I shall be much pleased to have your photograph when it is ready,

The party who was writing me for set of eggs of Canada Jay thinks that three is not a full set and wants a set of five, I guess he will have to wait some time before he gets them, I will send them to you now if you wish for them,

I sent you a birds nest & wrote you about it some days ago, did you receive it?

yours sincerely

Watson Bishop

Watson Bishop

Aug. 19. 1889.

Kentville Aug 30th/89.

Wm. Brewster Esq.

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir

Your favour of Aug. 24th is at hand. I have packed the nest & eggs in a box and will send them today by a friend who is going ~~east~~ direct to Baston, and from there he will express them to you,

I did not write you about eggs for they have no imperfections to write about, in fact a finer set could not possibly be found.

I thank you very much for identifying the little nest,

Hoping the eggs may reach you safely and meet your approval

I am

Sincerely yours

Watson Bishop

Nathan Bishop

Aug 30 - 1889

Kentville Nov. 14th/89

William Brewster Esq.
Cambridge Mass.

Dear Sir

your favour of Nov. 4th Came duly to hand with enclosed money order, Thanks,

I am glad to learn the Specimens suited you,

I saw a man a few days ago who told me that he found a nest of the Spruce Grouse with seven eggs in it last Spring, he says he is certain that they have nested near that place for several years and does not think he will have much difficulty in finding a nest next Spring. I instructed him about the time to look for it and charged him that if he found one to let me know and I would go with and collect the eggs

and full data Concerning them,

I had a pair of Golden Pheasants in the pen with my partridges this fall but the female died (something wrong with throat, had a Cough) but the male bird is living yet and seems to be in good health, His plumage is beautiful. I also have in the same pen a ~~Hungarian~~ Partridge (Cock) Have not had him long, he is pretty wild yet, I would like to get a female Pheasant to replace the one that died. What should I pay for one? Could you give me any instructions as to feed & Care through the winter. Will they stand the Cold if left in the pen with the partridges. I shall be very grateful for any information you can give me on the ~~above~~ above

very truly

Watson Bishop

WATSON N. BISHOP
Oct. 15 1892

Kentville Sept. 17th/90

Wm Brewster Esq.

My Dear Sir,

Some time ~~ago~~ ago I wrote you that it was possible that I might get a set of eggs of the Canada Grouse. Last may I got a letter from a party living 16 miles South of here, saying that she had found a nest of the Spruce partridge I forthwith started for the spot only to find that something had killed the parent bird when but five eggs were laid. I wrote a very full data on the spot and left the nest untouched for two days more to see if the bird might not return, and left instructions how to take the nest up and send it with the eggs to me. The bird did not appear, and

in due time the nest with the five eggs Came to hand.

I am very sorry the set was not Completed, it is quite a find.

I will send you copy of data any time if you wish to see it

We have so many lakes & rivers in this vacinity that I have gone to the trouble of building a nice light boat for going on Collecting trips or fishing & shooting. I have it very light and have it arranged to Carry on a pair of wheels behind my buggy. It only weighs 130 lbs and therefore does not incumber the horse preceptably. It will carry three or four persons very Comfortably. I will mail with this a photo. that will give you an idea of what it looks like. It shows Mr. Harry E. Austen of Dartmouth N.S. & wife, standing near

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W. L. Bishop.
Sept. 17. 1890.

the boat.

Mrs. Bishop is standing near the horse and myself in the buggy. This picture was taken here in the dooryard as we were about ready to start on a fishing & shooting trip.

Yours very truly

W. L. Bishop

P/S.

Not long ago I had sent me to be mounted the young of the Blackcrown Night Heron

I have never known one taken in this vacinity before

W. B.

W. L. Bishop.

Dec. 7. 1890.

Kentville Dec 7th/90

William Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir

your favour is reed. I would only part with nest & eggs of C. Grouse in the hope of soon being able to replace it, (in this I may be disapointed)

What would you be willing to give for it?

I had the good luck a few days ago to get a fine Snowy Owl. ♂, very fat,

The Golden Pheasant is looking splendidly this winter, he is still out in the pen with

the partridges and stands the Cold well. I also have a Dusky Duck in same pen. he seems to suffer more from cold than any of the others. his feet will likely freeze before the winter is over.

Yours very truly

W. L. Bishop